expected to fall short of our anticipation, as it was not possible to dispose of the large stock of manufactured articles in the current year itself. The South India Corporation Limited, Cochin, has been recently appointed as the Sole Agents for the sale of the rubber goods in the Madras Presidency, Coorg, Mysore and the Madras States. It is expected shat the stock will be disposed of in the ensuing year and a receipt of Rs 1·3 lakhs is accordingly anticipated.

EXPENDITURE CHARGED TO REVENUE.

12. The demands of the several departments for expenditure during the next year have been carefully scrutinised both by the Government and the Standing Finance Committee and the grants fixed after a full consideration of the requirements of the various departments and the available resources of the State. The total expenditure thus provided for in the budget for the next year is Rs 242·38 lakhs. This is Rs 8·04 lakhs in excess of the revised estimate of the current year. I shall now deal with the more important items.

13. *Land Revenue.*—It is proposed to continue the existing special temporary staff for Jenmikaram Settlement work next year also, with some slight modifications and to appoint further a small additional temporary staff for attending to *Karampathippu* cases. Every effort is being made to complete the works as early as possible and it is hoped that in the ordinary course, it might be possible to abolish the special staff before the close of next year leaving the small unfinished portion of the work, if any, to be completed by the normal permanent staff of the department. Provision has been made in the Survey budget for the opening of a special survey class in Theodolite and higher survey, with a view to remove the difficulty experienced in securing qualified men for appointment to the higher ranks of the department as surveyors, etc. This institution is, however, expected to be self-supporting. The revenue from Income-tax having shown some improvement with the appointment of the new assessing agency in the Municipal towns of Nagercoil, Trivandrum, Quilon and Alleppey, the continuance of the Income-tax Collectors and their staff has been provided for in the Income-tax budget.

14. *Excise*—In addition to the continuance of the existing temporary staff for the prevention of smuggling and the conservation of tobacco and customs revenues, especially in the border areas, provision has also been made in the next year's budget for the introduction as a temporary and experimental measure of the system of local option in the Municipal town of Attingal, discontinuing local option in the Municipal town of Changanacherry.

15. *Interest.*—Provision is, as already stated in para 9 above, made for the payment of advance interest up to the end of the current year and one half-yearly instalment of the interest on the three and a half per cent. Loan 1956 of Bh. Rs 50 lakhs recently floated by Government for financing the Capital schemes. In consequence of the reduction of

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the rate of interest on Savings Bank deposits to 3 per cent. per annum referred to already, a saving of Rs ·95 of a lakh has been allowed for under this head.

16. *General Administration.*—The House was told this time last year that the separation of the Finance and Accounts departments of the State was then in contemplation. A special Officer was appointed about the end of Dhanu last for drawing up and submitting to Government definite and concrete proposals for the separation. His report having been submitted in Kumbhom, Government in their order R. Dis. No. 600 of 1936/Gl. dated 11th April 1936, published in the Gazette, sanctioned the separation of the Finance and the Accounts departments and the organisation of a separate Financial Secretariat under the charge of an independent whole-time Secretary. The functions of the new Finance Department and the Account Officer were clearly laid down. Pending results of actual experience of the working of the new Financial Secretariat, the existing temporary staff will be continued as such up to 8th Medom next, *i. e.*, for one year from the date on which the separation was actually given effect to. Proposals for organising the staff on a permanent basis will be considered in due course. With the formation of the separate Financial Secretariat, the posts of the old Financial Section of the Account Office are being held in abeyance. The net cost of the new Financial Secretariat for the next year, after deducting the savings on this account, is estimated to be about Rs ·21 of a lakh. Provision has also been made for the expenses in connection with the General Elections to the Legislatures next year and for the revision of the State Manual.

17. *Public Service Commissioner.*—The Public Service Commissioner took charge on the 10th July 1935. He was engaged in framing the Public Service Recruitment Rules and making all the preliminary arrangements for holding the examinations prescribed in those rules. A provision of Rs 38,570 for the Commissioner and his staff has been made under General Administration in the budget for 1112.

18. *Administration of justice.*—A Statutes Revision Committee, composed of official and non-official members, was appointed early this year, for examining such of the legislative enactments now in force in the State, as have become out of date and require amendment or revision in the light of the changes that have been made in similar laws in British India. This committee will continue to function next year also and provision has been made for the purpose in the budget. The continuance of the existing temporary Second Judges' and Munsiffs' courts, as well as the temporary Sirkar Vakils has also been provided for.

19. *Education.*—The expenditure next year is estimated at Rs 48·74 lakhs. This is about 20 per cent. of the total revenue of the State and exceeds the revised estimate for the current year by Rs 1·21 lakhs. The Presidency College, Madras, is now the only College, affiliated to

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the University of Madras for the Honours Degree in Sanskrit. It is felt that unless provision is made in the local Arts College for the advanced teaching of Sanskrit, the State will have to depend on outside resources for staffing its educational institutions with Sanskrit teachers. In order to remove this difficulty and also to encourage the advanced study of Sanskrit in Travancore, the Post-graduate class in that subject was opened in the Arts College from the beginning of the current academic year and the Honours Class is proposed to be opened from the commencement of the next academic year. The provision required for the purpose has been included in the budget. Another important and interesting feature of the next year's Education budget is the provision made for the opening of a few vocational Middle Schools, as an experimental measure, the subjects proposed to be taught being, for the present, carpentry, smithery, rattan works, clay modeling etc., and screwpine work. The aim is to give the pupils such practical training in the various subjects as will enable them with advantage to take to the respective vocations for their living; and it is hoped that these institutions will tend to bring about a useful and practical co-ordination between the Educational and Industrial activities of the State in this particular direction. The summer school of Music opened at Trivandrum in Medom last as an experimental measure for instructing the existing as well as the prospective music teachers in the State in Swathi Thirunal's compositions is to be continued as a permanent feature of the Education department. As a preliminary to the opening of a Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society in Travancore, it is proposed to form Junior Red Cross groups in the schools of the State beginning with the English High Schools at Trivandrum.

20. *Agriculture and Fisheries.*—In view of the importance and usefulness of good species of cattle in the development of agriculture in the State, it is proposed to inaugurate an experimental scheme for the improvement of livestock by purchasing a few Scindhi bulls to be made available for breeding purposes. If the opportunity so offered is made good use of, it is proposed to extend the scope of the scheme in due course. Meanwhile, provision has been made in the next year's budget for a small beginning. The continuance of the temporary agricultural schools at Koni and Kottarakarai has also been included in the budget. To make these institutions really serviceable to the ryots, admission to the schools is proposed to be restricted to young men who are likely to take to agriculture as their occupation in life.

21. *Industries.*—The allotment for the next year is Rs 3·37 lakhs which is Rs ·95 of a lakh in excess of the current year's anticipated expenditure. The increase is due mainly to the additional provision made for the working expenses of the Rubber Factory. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the Sales Depots at Trivandrum and Bombay.

22. *Co-operative Department.*—Besides a provision of Rs. 10,000 for the amelioration of the depressed classes and Rs 5,000 for the education

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of depressed class pupils, the Co-operative budget provides also for placing the service of a Departmental Inspector, free of cost, at the disposal of the Travancore Co-operative Insurance Society Limited, to help the Society with advice in technical and other matters.

23. *Medical.*—To meet the large demand for trained midwives, especially in connection with the promulgation of the scheme for child and maternity welfare, it is proposed to revive the old midwifery class that used to be held at the Victoria Hospital, Quilon. The training of 8 pupils has been provided for in the next year's budget. As the accommodation now available for in-patients in the Ayurveda Hospital at Trivandrum has been found to be insufficient to meet the actual requirements, provision has been made for a suitable increase in the number of beds. Proposals for the reorganisation of the Public Health Department were urged by the Director with a view to facilitate efficient registration of vital statistics, which plays an important role in the Public Health activities, and to obviate the frequent need for special temporary staffs for combating epidemics. But in view of the heavy cost involved in such a complete reorganisation of the department simultaneously throughout the State, it is proposed to work out the scheme in smaller instalments by beginning with the localities most subject to epidemics. A lump sum provision of Rs 10,000 has been made for the purpose. Provision has also been made for the improvement of rural sanitation by opening new conservancy stations.

24. *Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments.*—Provision has been made in the budget of the Archaeological Department for the preliminary expenses in connection with the 9th session of the All-India Oriental Conference which has been invited to hold its session at Trivandrum in December 1937.

25. *Public Works.*—The allotment for ordinary Public Works expenditure in the next year including establishment charges and tools and plant is Rs 32·09 lakhs as against the current year's budget grant of Rs 33·36 lakhs, excluding the provision for Town Planning Schemes and the Council Chamber. When the estimated expenditure on Capital Works, both productive and non-productive and the expenditure met out of the Irrigation and Road Development funds are taken into account, the grant for the next year for works of public utility would amount to about Rs 114 lakhs on the whole which is the highest on record. Full details of the works in progress and new works are given in the Appendix to the budget estimates.

26. *Devaswom Fund.*—Provision has been made for the minimum contribution of Rs 16 lakhs payable to the Devaswom Fund in accordance with the announcement made in this House last year.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

27. An aggregate sum of Rs 96·38 lakhs which represents a peak provision made hitherto in a single year, has been provided in the

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